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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 29, 2004, said period of response being extended from April 29, 2004 to June 1, 2004 (with May 29 and 30, 2004 being a Saturday and Sunday, and May 31, 2004 being Memorial Day).

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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